5 Calle de Lista
Barrio de Salamanca
Madrid August 5th
[1883]

My dear Mr Towers

I thank you for your kind letter, with the enclosed accounts, and cheque, which was most welcome, as the Administrador of our house has been very insolent to me for not having paid the rent at the beginning of the month as usual, and the next time, I shall take the precaution to register my letter containing the pension Cheque, and thus avoid similar inconveniences.

This is the first time I have ever been annoyed on money matters, as we are always most punctual in our payments.

I beg to thank you for the trouble you have taken in making

making out my accounts. This is another of the many proofs of your brotherly interest for me, for which I can never be sufficiently grateful. If it had not been for your friendship in providing me with means, in the midst of my many difficulties, I should never have been able to attend to the maintenance and education of my grandchildren.

I have no doubt, the mild air of Devon, will be of great service to you, and that you will return home, strong and healthy, as well as your wife; to whom I desire my warmest remembrances.

I remain

Yours very sincerely

Tommy Keats de Llanos

H Bicknell Esqre

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My dear Mr Lowrie

I imagine that by this time, you will have returned from your summer excursion, and I trust in perfect health, as well as your family. The heat in Madrid during the months of July and August had been most severe, in consequence of which I have been very unwell, and my nerves quite out of order. The doctor recommended me change of air, new excellent advice no doubt, if I had had the means.

As it is very likely that Sir Charles Dilke is at present out of Town, and therefore cannot sign my Certificate for some time, I should be very much obliged to you, if you